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SUBJECT: EAST-WEST TRADE: REQUEST FOR STATISTICS ON SOVIET
INDEBTEDNESS TO THE WEST

DURING RECENT CONVERSATION WITH THE CHARGE, FOREIGN
MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY RADI MENTIONED PENDING ISSUE
OF POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF FURTHER CREDITS BY ITALY TO
SOVIET UNION. SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE
KOMAROV PRESENTLY IN ITALY, REPORTEDLY SEEKING ADDITIONAL
SIX HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR LINE OF CREDIT. RADI TOLD
CHARGE THAT GOI IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM ITALIAN BUSINESS
INTERESTS TO GRANT SUCH A LINE OF CREDIT BECAUSE OF
IMPORTANCE OF SOVIET MARKET FOR ITALIAN EXPORTS AND NEED
TO MAINTAIN EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES. GOI IS CONCERNED
NOT ONLY ABOUT ITS ABILITY TO MAKE CREDIT AVAILBLE UNDER
PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION BUT ALSO ABOUT SOVIET ABILITY
TO REPAY IN VIEW OF LARGE AMOUNT OF DEBT OUTSTANDING
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